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APPLICANT: NEUMANN, C. -1

SERIAL NO: 10/801119 EXAMINER: Nicholas Woodall

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TITLE: IMPLANT FOR INSERTION BETWEEN VERTEBRAE OF THE

SPINAL COLUMN

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION WITH RCE

MAIL STOP FEE AMENDMENT Hon. Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Commissioner

In response to the final office action with the time period for response being from April 7, 2009 to July 7, 2009 with the time being extended one month, and also in consideration of the filing of the response to the notice of non-compliant amendment, enclosed please find the response:

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper;

Remarks begin on page 11 of this paper.